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Career progression, community management, personnel matters, and general information from the desk of the Navy Personnel Command, Force Master Chief, FORCM Jon Port

PTS NEWS

By now everyone should be aware that iaw NAVADMIN 352/10 all approved PTS quotas now have expiration dates 13 MONTHS from the date the quota was issued. I have attached the expiration matrix, and strongly recommend you post this within eyeshot. It is critical that every command understand this current policy and the message gets to each and every Sailor. Commands should also be cognizant of the role they play in the success of every Sailor's career by properly mentoring Sailors on PTS requirements.

Command Career Counselors should include a PTS update in their monthly reports to Commanding Officers including expiring PTS quotas and Sailors need to be made aware of when their PTS quota expires at Career Development Boards (*documented in CIMS*).

Attached is a document titled "How to track FR-PTS Quota Expirations" commands need to use this report to track their Sailors PTS approvals to ensure no Sailor is left behind. The only way for commands to get ahead of this, is for the chain of command to be fully engaged. If leadership is fully engaged no Sailor should be left behind.

STOP LOSS COMPENSATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline for eligible service members, veterans and their beneficiaries to apply for special retroactive pay as compensation for involuntary extensions of their military service contracts has been extended to April 8. The Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay purpose is to compensate for the hardships military members encountered when their service was involuntarily extended under Stop Loss authority between Sept. 11, 2001 and Sept. 30, 2009. Eligible personnel and beneficiaries may submit a claim to their respective military services to receive **\$500** for each full or partial month served in a Stop Loss status. All pertinent information can be found by searching for dod.gov/stoploss

EARLY CAREER TRANSITION PROGRAM

This week's Navy Times has a great article about the ECTP. We feel there needs to be clarification on what are the **"full benefits"** mentioned in Navy Times. The Navy is providing full MEDICAL benefits for the first six months for Sailors transitioning to the SELRES through the ECTP. For more information see [Transitional Assistance Management Program \(TAMP\)- 180](#). Dental is covered by United Concordia and will have a cost of \$12.69 a month for the member and \$91.98 monthly for the family. After the six months, members can sign up for the [Navy Reserve health care](#) program which costs less than **\$200** a month for the whole family (or **\$55** for the member only) – which is much cheaper than most civilian plans. The ECTP is a great opportunity for our Sailors to finish their obligation in the SELRES while pursuing other life goals, such as starting a family or going to school.

STOP MOVEMENT UPDATE

[NAVADMIN 100/11](#) updates the information on Stop Movement. Under the new guidance, Commanding Officers and Officers in Charge in the affected areas are now able to request waivers and operational holds to fill critical billets. Further, the new message adds clarity regarding Sailors who have orders to Japan including adding Immediate Superior-in-Commands (ISIC) and Navy Operations Support Commands (NOSC) as places where Sailors can report, the message also includes information about intermediate duty stations, guidance regarding placing Sailors on temporary additional duty (TAD) and changes the accounting code receiving commands should use to classify those Sailors on orders to Japan to ACC 350 vice ACC 330.

This week in our Navy's History

Mar 21st, 1917 - Loretta Walsh became the first woman Navy Petty Officer when sworn in as Chief Yeoman
Mar 23rd, 1945 - Carriers began pre-assault strikes on Okinawa; kamikaze attacks on our ships followed
And On Mar 24th, 1903 - George Dewey was commissioned Admiral of the Navy with the date of rank, 2 March 1899. He was the only person to ever hold this rank.

Quote of the Week

"If we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity" – President John F. Kennedy